

CPC Africa Desk InterTropical (ITF) Front Analysis

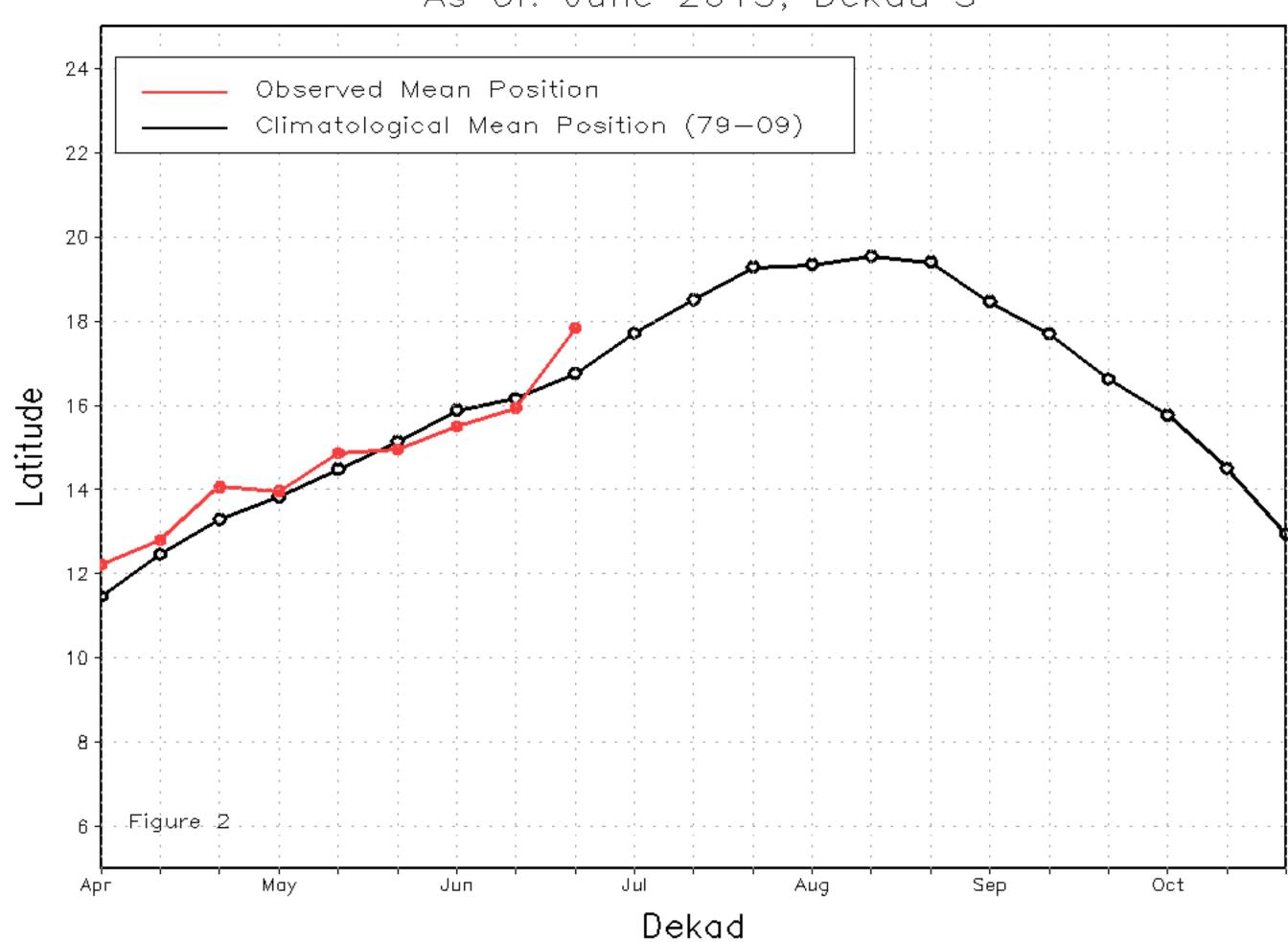
June 2013, Dekad 3

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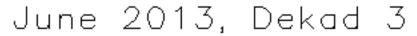
From June 21-30, 2013, the ITF experienced a substantial northward advancement across Africa. Stronger southerly flow associated with the intensification of the southern Hemisphere

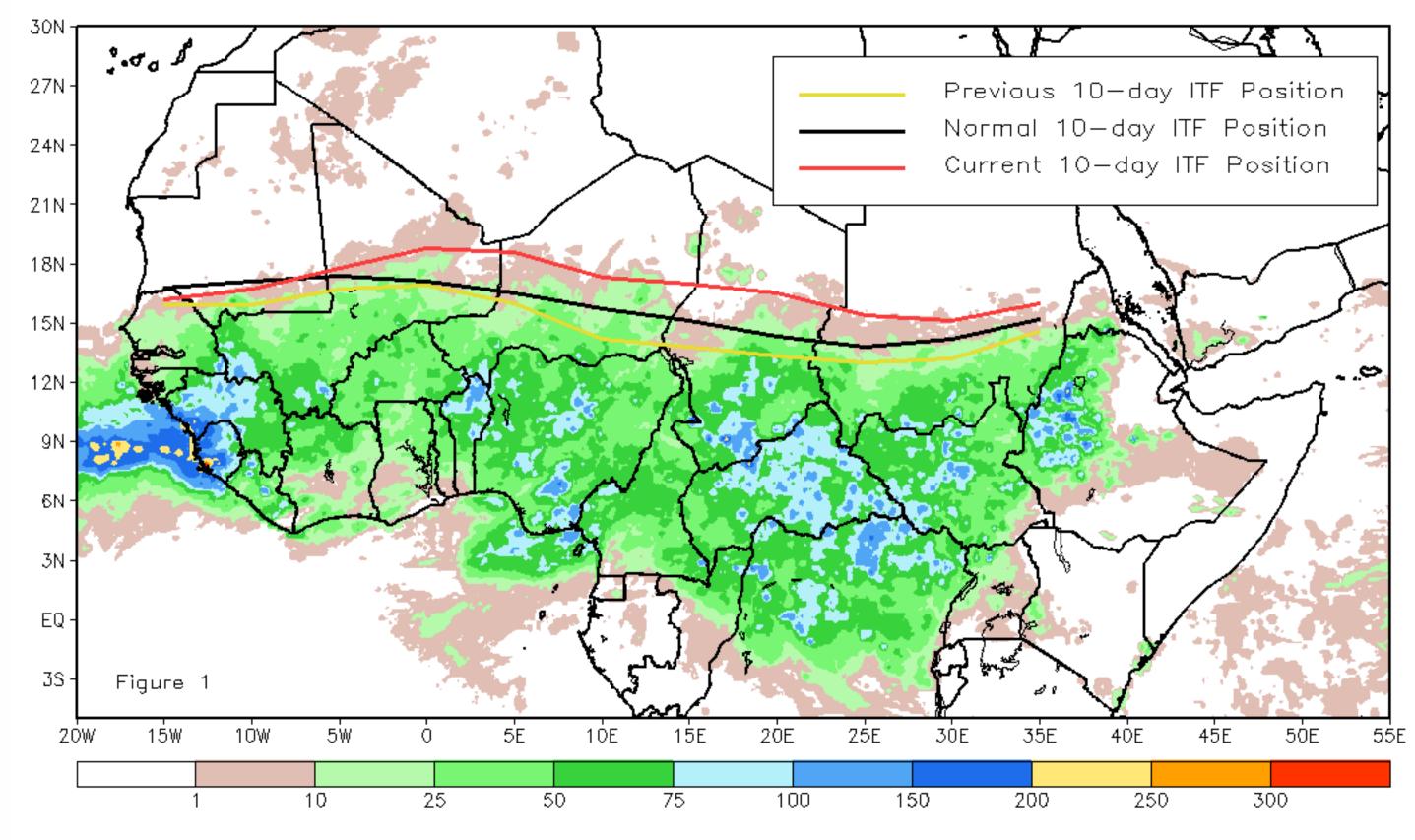
climatological average position and resulted in above-average rainfall throughout the Sahelian-Sudanian and Guinean-Sudanian regions of Africa. The mean western portion of the ITF was located near 17.8 degrees north, which led the mean position by 1 degree. The mean eastern portion of the ITF was centered upon 15.8 degrees north and was also above the average position by 1.4 degrees. Figure 1 shows the current ITF position relative to its long-term average position during the third dekad of June and its previous position during the second dekad of June. Figures 2 and 3 are time series, displaying the mean latitudinal values of the western and eastern portion of the ITF, respectively, and their evolutions since April, 2013.

Mean Western Portion of the ITF: Averaged 10W to 10E As of: June 2013, Dekad 3



Current vs. Normal Dekadal ITF Position and RFE Accumulated Precipitation (mm)





Mean Eastern Portion of the ITF: Averaged 20E to 35E As of: June 2013, Dekad 3

